

Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Commerce (DOC), Department of Interior (DOI), as well as state and local representatives. Workers diligently worked to get the necessary equipment to coastal waters but there were delays that can't be ignored.

I commend our efforts to immediately respond to the disaster by passing H.R. 5503, the SPILL Act, to reform the following maritime liability laws: Death on the High Seas Act, Jones Act, and Limitation on Liability Act. These bills are to ensure the families of those killed or injured in the BP Spill and other similar tragedies are justly compensated. We also passed H.R. 5481 that gave subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling tasked with providing recommendations on how to prevent future oil spills that result from offshore drilling. Our efforts should not stop there.

Strides have been made to establish a clear chain of command and developing a coordinated and efficient response to disasters. But, there is much more that has to be done to avoid another oil spill of this magnitude. We must stay vigilant in evaluating our nation's capacity to respond to oil spills. Develop standard national protocols for oil spill response and clean up assessments and develop guidance and tools for oil spill responders. Establish direct research and take action to improve the ability of the United States to conduct oil spill prevention, response, and recovery in Arctic waters. Our civic responsibility is to learn from our mistakes and apply those lessons to future oil spills and other such disasters that unfortunately may occur.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tragic two-year anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. I urge this body to continue to introduce and support legislation that prevents and protects our environment, economy, and families from future unfortunate disasters that may occur.

#### HONORING MARCI MCCARTHY

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, the public safety of our citizens is the foremost priority of our government; and

Whereas, Ms. Marci McCarthy has given and continues to give exceptionable and distinguished service by providing guidance, protection and leadership in protecting our public and private sectors in cyberspace; and

Whereas, Ms. McCarthy gives of herself to insure that our Nation can foster greater professionalism in the Information Security Industry; and

Whereas, the issue of cybercrimes is of historical importance, and the work of Ms. McCarthy enhances the efforts of our homeland security and local law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas, Ms. McCarthy gives of herself daily without any need for praise and fame, while serving valiantly and making us proud; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to honor and recognize Ms. Marci McCarthy for her leadership and service to our District and the Nation;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 13, 2012 as Ms. Marci McCarthy Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of March, 2012.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT J. PAYNE

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Robert Payne for his 30 years of service at the Daly City Police Department.

Mr. Payne was appointed a police officer on June 1981 and attended the San Jose Criminal Justice Training Center Academy where he graduated in November of the same year.

Officer Payne served as a patrol officer and trained many new police recruits as field training officers. In the late 1980s he was assigned to the community division where he launched his career as a school resource officer and investigator. In that capacity he graduated from the prestigious Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California. Officer Payne has taught an anti-gang and drug program throughout all the elementary schools in Daly City. He also was a liaison officer for both Westmoor and Jefferson High Schools where he developed a great rapport with the faculties.

Officer Payne coordinated several youth programs, including the "Every 15 Minutes" anti-drunk driving event and the "Kops and Kids" program. He helped design the "Just Say No to Gangs" program which was commended by the State of California Youth Authority.

He distinguished himself as a detective investigating crimes against children and was promoted to senior juvenile officer as a result. Officer Payne's dedication and commitment has not gone unnoticed. He received numerous awards, letters of appreciation, citizen letters and tributes from schools for his empathy and advocacy for our youth.

As a patrol officer he was awarded several commendations. For example in 2003, he received one for bravery and quick action for his assistance in the capture of an armed bank robbery suspect.

Robert is a Daly City boy through and through, having attended Holy Angels School and graduated from Westmoor High School in 1976. He earned his degree in criminal justice from San Jose State University.

He lives in Brentwood with his wife of 26 years, Debbie. They are the proud parents of two sons, Brian and Stephen who serve in the Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the distinguished service of Officer Robert Payne to the residents of Daly City. His familiar face will be missed by his fellow officers and citizens alike.

#### HONORING SHUNDRA Y. NEPHEW

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Shundra Y. Nephew has answered that call by giving of herself as an educator at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Traditional Theme School, and as a beloved daughter, granddaughter and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Nephew has been chosen as the 2012 Teacher of the Year, representing Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Traditional Theme School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, motivational speeches and words of wisdom; and

Whereas, Ms. Nephew is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader who has shared her vision, talents and passion to help ensure that our children, receive an education that is relevant not only for today, but well into the future, as she truly understands that our children are the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Shundra Y. Nephew for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2012 Teacher of the Year at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Traditional Theme Elementary School;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 30, 2012 as Ms. Shundra Y. Nephew Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of March, 2012.

#### HONORING SERGEANT DONALD E. SCHNOOR

### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla Post 9896 Life Member Sergeant Donald E. Schnoor. Mr. Schnoor served the United States of America honorably with the U.S. Army First Cavalry in the Korean War.

Sergeant Schnoor was born in Chowchilla, California, on December 19, 1934. After graduating from Chowchilla High School in 1952, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He completed basic training at Fort Ord, and was selected to train as a musician with the Army Band Training Unit. Upon completion of band training, he was assigned to play the trombone with the 6th Army Band at Fort Mason in San Francisco. The band played for troops leaving and arriving by ship to and from the Far East, primarily Korea. Numerous Hollywood and local professional celebrities performed with the band.